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recovery system, the time interval of the ink overlapping becomes larger at the adjacent printing band joint portion to change the time before the overlapping of the ink at the band joint portion. In other words, the ejection recovery by the ejection recovery system will lengthen the time of the drying of the ink having deposited at the preceding scanning on the recording paper sheet. This may cause change of the color tone at the ink overlap at the band joint, causing irregularity of color.--

Page 10, line 25 through page 11, line 5, please replace this paragraph with the following:

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--On the face of the base plate 46, on each of the end sides of the ink ejection heater element line 50 (both sides in the direction perpendicular to the arrow D), there are provided a head-inside temperature detecting DI sensor 56 (an example of the temperature sensor in the present invention) for detecting the inside temperature of the printing head 22. Outside the head inside temperature detecting DI sensors 56 on the face of the base plate 46, are provided head temperature-adjusting heater elements 58 for adjusting the inside temperature of the printing head within a prescribed range. --

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3, 6, 7 and 14 by replacing them with the like numbered claims hereinbelow. A marked up set of claims